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THE PROTESTANT COLLEGE AND EDUCATION FOR WORLD AFFAIRS is the subject of an address by DR. FRANK GRAHAM at the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF PROTESTANT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, CLEVELAND, JANUARY 9, 1962. Reports and discussion of the Convocation themes will take place in the afternoon. Luncheon reservations should be made with CPCU, 1818 R. Street, N.W., Washington 9, DC.

HIGHER EDUCATION EXECUTIVES TO MEET. National Denominational Executives for Higher Education will meet in CLEVELAND, JANUARY 11, 1962, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Among the items for discussion will be Church-State-Relations, the Convocation of Christian Colleges, National Christian College Day and other items of interest and concern.

REPORTS FROM CHE AND NSCF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Executive Committees of the Commission on Higher Education and of the National Student Christian Federation met recently - following are some actions and reports of general interest. The CHE Executive Committee:

- Voted to create an Advisory Committee on Research, Strategy and Policy to aid and advise the Commission as it seeks to anticipate future developments in higher education; formulate and revise goals and principles of strategy; to develop criteria, procedures and projects for accomplishing needed research and evaluation; to stimulate study, consultation, and publication; the gathering of information and the serving as a clearinghouse of information on research and new developments which bear on the church's concern in higher education. The Committee will be composed of 12 - 15 people half of whom will be persons professionally involved in the field of religion and higher education and half of persons outside but concerned and knowledgeable. Additional funds to approximate \$2000 to \$2500 will be required to carry out this decision.
- Heard an encouraging report of progress on preparation for the 1962 Convocation of Christian Colleges. Dean Samuel Miller will give the opening sermon; Dr. John Dillenberger will give three lectures on the theme, "The Mission of the Christian College in the Modern World;" and Dr. Edward D. Eddy will speak on Student Attitudes and Values.
- Reports that at a recent joint meeting of the Department of the Ministry and the Department of Pastoral Services a resolution was passed "that the two departments represented be replaced in the framework of the National Council of Churches by a single unit that has the functions of the two existing departments and such others as might be added to them." The resolution has no official standing but is a recommendation to the governing boards of both departments and to the administration of the NCC.

The NSCF Executive Committee:

- In relation to the Life and Mission of the Church project voted to extend the study and discussion of the theme "Word, World and Sacrament" over a period of two years and stress the mission concern.
- Met with representatives of the YWCA and worked out a formula which will enable the student YWCA to retain full membership in NSCF. It will involve a constitutional change which included the words "movements related to one or more communions or not related to any communion."

- Met with representatives of the YMCA but were unable to agree upon an acceptable formula by which the Student YMCA will continue full membership in NSCF.
- Accepted the application of the Division of College and University Work of the National Lutheran Council for membership in NSCF pending ratification by the Assembly next summer.
- Approved a request from the Peace Corps Committee of the NCC that the Executive of EVS Projects accept responsibility for developing an office to enable a number of church agencies to coordinate their relations with the Peace Corps.
- Received a most encouraging report from Dr. William A. Brown of the work that was done during the summer and fall by the African Students Emergency Aid Program. Cooperating with and acting for a number of agencies this program assisted in various ways some 270 African students who needed hospitality, (68), summer jobs, (50), and financial aid (78).

A very interesting and helpful report has come from a consultation on Religion in the State University of New York held at Syracuse in May by the Student Christian Movement of New York State. Thanks to the work of some of the campus pastors the report pulls together a lot of interesting material on Historical Perspectives of Religion and Higher Education. It also includes a short bibliography on the state university.

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What should be a very suggestive document is "Cooperative Projects Among Colleges and Universities" put out recently by the D. H. E. W., Office of Education, Washington, D.C. It describes 29 projects in which colleges and universities have been and are working together. It outlines helps and hindrances to such cooperation and suggests some principles and guidelines.

COLLEGE
COOPERATE

Possible discussion material for the campus is the article on "Fraternities" in the October issue of Esquire. The author seems to think they are on their way out and should be.

FRATERNITIES

Full of interesting material is "How People Pay for College" John B. Lanning, Thomas Lorimer and Chikaski Mariguchi, Survey Research Center, University of Michigan.

EDUCATION
COSTS

- Parents pay most of students college costs
- One half of our students earn part of their expenses, 2 out of 10 less than \$500 annually, 3 out of 10 \$500 to \$1500.
- Three out of four students get no scholarship help.

Our friend, John Bradley, has just sent us a copy of a new publication, "The New American Guide to Scholarships, Fellowships, and Loans." A quick examination gives the impression that this is one of the most complete such guides there is available. It is published by the New American Library as a Signet Key book, no. KP380, 75¢. It should be an extremely valuable addition to the libraries of pastors, high school counsellors, campus pastors and others.

HELP
AVAILABLE

The American Baptist Convention sends word that summer jobs for college students are available at their conference grounds, Green Lake, Wisconsin, from June 14 to September 7. They apparently employ 85 to 90 college students for all sorts of jobs, including some specialized skills. The students are expected to work a total of 7 hours a day, 6 days a week. One hour classes for the members of the student staff are held 3 mornings a week. Living is cooperative in dormitories. The pay is \$100 a month, broken down as follows: For meals, \$35.00; room \$15.00; cash \$50.00. There is travel assistance available for costs above \$15.00 for round trip fare, day coach, on the railroad. For complete information write to the Rev. Paul McFarlin, Personnel Director, The American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin.

HELP
WANTED

While thinking of student summer jobs don't forget that some 166 seminary and college students will be needed in the Christian Ministry to National Parks.

Write to Warren W. Oct. 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y.

National Christian College Day, like Christmas, comes but once a year and like Christmas calls for preparation. It is not too early to start such preparation with the appointment of faculty and student committees and opening discussions with local or area radio and TV stations, newspapers, etc. The CPCU Public Relations Committee met recently and discussed plans for the national and area observance. Date of the 1962 NCCD - April 29th.

CHRISTIAN
COLLEGE
DAY

Sunday, February 18, 1962, has been named by the World Student Christian Federation as Universal Day of Prayer for Students. "In the spirit of this Christian community, let us revive the channel of our vertical fellowship through which our horizontal fellowship will be strengthened and renewed. On this Universal Day of Prayer for Students, we would like to pray for our renewal, so that our witness to Christ and our service with Christ and our unity in Christ may become more abundant for the sake of the whole world." - The Officers of the WSCF

PRAYER
FOR
STUDENTS

The Baptist Student Movement at its summer meeting voted a program which involves sending 30 or 40 students to a number of different places where the church is actively attempting to meet the challenges confronting it. These places will be in such areas as the "inner city," industrial relations, racial tensions, the ministry to agriculture, the migrant ministry, and foreign countries undergoing rapid cultural change. While in these places the students will examine and participate in the Church's ministry. At the end of the summer they will report back to the BSM conference to share what they have learned with the rest of the BSM. Each state or region is to submit five applicants, two or three of which will be selected to represent the BSM. (For details write the Rev. Parker Burroughs, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.)

NEW
BAPTIST
PROGRAM

The Annual Meeting of the Methodist General Board of Education, January 3-6, 1962 in Cincinnati will feature a Convocation on Higher Education, January 5-6. Among the program items:

METHODISTS
TO
HOLD
CONVOCATION

- President Stanley H. Martin on admissions policies
- Ministerial recruitment - Bishop Donald Tippet
- "Christian Education in a Time of Change" - Pres. Daniel L. Marsh
- Closing address by Jesse Stuart, Kentucky author

Apologies to the Department of Church and Economic Life for dating their forthcoming conference in 1961 instead of 1962, the FOURTH NATIONAL STUDY CONFERENCE ON THE CHURCH AND ECONOMIC LIFE will be held in Pittsburgh, November 8-11, 1962. The theme: The Ethical Implications of Rapid Social Change in the USA.

REGRETS
AND
CORRECTION



It is a pleasure to welcome to the CHE-NSCF staff the Rev. Finley Eversole as Executive Director of the Interseminary Movement. Ordained in the Methodist ministry, Finley received his A.B. from Birmingham Southern College, B.D. from Vanderbilt Divinity School and has worked toward his Ph.D. at Drew and Chicago. Previous to coming to New York he served as Staff Associate of motive magazine.

The mention of motive makes this the natural place to follow B. J. Stiles suggestion that you might like to hear of the December issue - it will deal with peace and feature articles by Rudolph Bultmann, Kermit Eby, Norman Cousins, Arnold Toynbee and J. Robert Nelson. A foundation grant makes possible the giving of complimentary copies. Write to motive, P.O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

The Rev. Dean M. Kelley of the NCC Department of Religious Liberty has made an examination of the revised version of "Operation Abolition." He reports that it has been cut by 17 minutes and some efforts made to eliminate some of its more glaring falsifications. However, says he, "the 'message' remains unchanged." It still leaves the impression that the riots were communist-led and that students were responsible. The deletions include remarks by several congressmen which have been replaced by statements on communism by J. Edgar Hoover. The NCC analysis of the film has been in great demand and a second edition has been printed. For copies of "Operation Abolition, Some Facts and Comments" write the Office of Information, NCC, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

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OF
OPERATION
ABOLITION

While on the subject we call attention to a recent contribution - an article in the November 26th, New York Times magazine by Alan Barth, "Report on the Rampageous Right." Barth ventures a theory as to the cause - frustration - and lists some common characteristics. There has come an additional suggestion of reading material on the rightwing extremists - a publication by the University of Illinois Library School, "The American Right Wing," \$1.00.

"A Texas pastor has discovered an effective technique for disarming sympathetic inquiries concerning the John Birch Society. Feigning innocence, he opines, 'Oh, I don't think they are really communists. I think they are well-meaning, patriotic Americans basically; they've just been duped into doing the communist's work of discrediting the churches, sowing suspicion, and attacking the democratic form of our government. But I don't think they are really communists. It only seems that way because they use the same methods and tactics as the communists, with front organizations, guilt-by-implication and association, and central command which cannot be questioned. Actually, I think they are staunch American patriots who have simply been misguided.'" - Reported to Monday Morning by Winburn Thomas.

Don't miss in the November 26th, New York Times magazine Fred Hechinger's humorous attack on our educational jargon "Never Call a Spade a Spade." He analyses the types of jargon and then states why educators must not be allowed to get away with it. "Because they (the educators) are, or ought to be, the high priests of the language and guardian angels of words. If our word stream is polluted at the source what hope is there....Professional jargon keeps the real problems at mind's length."

AT
MIND'S
LENGTH

In line of constructive criticism we quote Dean Walter Muelder as reported in a statement on "Ethics in Society" by the Baptist Watchman-Examiner. "Theology has concern for the ultimate field of values, which gives society stability, meaning and integrity." When the rules of the game are violated in mass communications, voting, price-fixing, civil liberties and the like, "The moral context of the society is weakened, corrupted and threatened with disintegration."

Dick Heaton, ex-Interseminary Executive and fresh from two years at Edinburgh writes from Geneva, New York, where he teaches philosophy in Hobart and William Smith College, "I couldn't enjoy teaching more." He reports that some very interesting addresses were given recently at the dedication of the St. John's Chapel Tower. One in particular associated worship, specifically the eucharist, as the center of the life of a college "with Christian intent." (Dick's address - 129 St. Clair, Geneva, N.Y.)

NEWS
FROM
HEATON

We are told by marriage counsellors that even though your wife should be able to assume that you love her it is important that every once in a while you tell her so. The response to the October issue of "News Notes" helps us to understand this. We are very grateful for the letters of encouragement and support we have received indicating "that this lunatic fringe has no permanent influence and will undoubtedly disappear into the dust from which it came;" that the Scholar is most helpful and deserving of wider circulation; etc.

THANKS

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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